\mu Saint James Catholic Church

905 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA

January 17, 2021



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - In 1:35-37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00 noon, and 7:00pm Spanish Mass: 2:30pm Daily: 6:30am, 8:30am & 12:00 noon Saturday: 8:30am

Federal Holidays:

6:30am and 8:30am only **Holy Days:** 7:30pm Vigil 6:30am, 8:30am, 12:00 noon and 7:30pm

RECTORY HOURS:

Weekdays 9:00am- 9:00pm (closed 12:45 - 1:30pm) Saturday 9:00am - 1:30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS:

Exposition: 9:00 - 11:45am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: 11:45am **Eucharistic Holy Hour:** Sunday: 5:00pm Third Thursdays: 7:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00pm-8:00pm Fridays 11:00am-Noon Saturdays 3:30pm-4:30pm 6:30pm-7:30pm

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> Bulletin Deadline: Friday at 9:00am 10 days before Sunday publication date Via website form posted under Events;Bulletin;Bulletin Submissions.

On The Way

Virginia Education's Overreach

At the end of last month the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) issued *Model Policies for the Treatment of Transgender Students in Virginia's Public Schools*. Local school divisions may either adopt this document as approved or use it as the basis for their own (possibly more expansive) policies. The public comment period for these model policies started January 4th and lasts through February 3rd. I encourage you to visit the <u>VDOE website</u> and express opposition to this dangerous document.

The document claims to seek to assist those students who identify as transgendered. It is of course laudable to assist those who are in need. However, these proposals go much further than just helping and in fact promote the "transgender ideology" that Pope Francis has warned against.

First, the definition of gender identity is itself problematic: "A person's internal sense of their own identity as a boy/man, girl/woman, something in between, or outside the male/female binary" (p. 6). Thus "School divisions should accept a student's assertion of their gender identity without requiring any particular substantiating evidence, including diagnosis, treatment, or legal documents. A student is considered transgender if, at school, the student consistently asserts a gender identity different from the sex assigned at birth..." (p.12). This amazingly fluid, subjective, and unscientific definition is the basis for the document's policies.

Consider what this means for parental rights: "There are no regulations requiring school staff to notify a parent or guardian of a student's request to affirm their gender identity...[A] plan may include addressing the student at school with their asserted name and pronoun while using the legal name and pronoun associated with the sex assigned at birth when communicating with parents orguardians" (p.12). In other words, not only could a school leave the parents out of decisions and deliberations profoundly impacting their children; it could also deliberately deceive them.

Further, consider students' privacy, modesty, and safety in the use of bathrooms and locker rooms: "Access to facilities such as restrooms and locker rooms that correspond to a student's gender identity shall be available to all students... School staff should not confront students about their gender identity upon entry into the restroom" (p.18).

These policies would also compel speech: "For transgender students, acts of verbal harassment may include the intentional and persistent use of names and pronouns not consistent with their identity (p.10)...A school employee's intentional and persistent refusal to respect a student's asserted name and pronoun considered is discriminatory" (p.12). In other words, one must comply with the transgendered vocabulary. This is forced participation in error, another kind of verbal bullying. It is one thing to claim transgendered status and ask for kindness to those who are transgendered. It is another thing entirely to compel others to use language approving of it.

Again, it is laudable to want to ease the sufferings of others. But this document, in seeking to accommodate one group, cuts against parental rights, student safety, and freedom of speech. For more information on the document and how to act, I encourage you to visit the Virginia Catholic Conference (<u>Vacatholic.org</u>) and The Family Foundation (familyfoundation.org).

- Fr. Scalia

Mass Intentions For the Second Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 16 *For the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time* 5:00 p.m. +Gail Cullinan

Sunday, January 17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			
+Parents of Zoila Morales			
+Mary Rose Winslow			
+Steve Dreslin			
People of St. James			
+Souls in Purgatory			
+Charles Schilling			

Monday, January 18 Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time 6:30 a.m. +Frank Creel 8:30 a.m. +Ann O'Hara

Tuesday, January 19 <i>Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time</i>		
6:30 a.m.	+Mildred and Edith Visnic	
8:30 a.m.	+Theodore Corcoran	
Noon	Susan Stypa	

Wednesday, January 20

Saint Fabian; Saint Sebastian		
6:30 a.m.	+Billy Childress	
8:30 a.m.	+Emmette and Mary Ann Beauchamp	
Noon	+Rizalina D. Farrales	

Thursday, January 21

St. Agnes	-
6:30 a.m.	Special Intention
8:30 a.m.	+Anna Nguyen-thi-Thua and
	Francisco Xavier Le-van-Truyen
Noon	+John Hebeler

Friday, January 22

Friday of t	he Second Week in Ordinary Time
6:30 a.m.	+Lila Dean Durand
8:30 a.m.	+Patrick Maguire
Noon	+Infant Triplets-Nenebi Adeto Tetteh
	Nenebi Matey Tetteh, and
	Salome Dwerni Tetteh

Saturday, January 23

St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope; Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 8:30 a.m. +Laura Hicks 5:00 p.m. +Mary Rose Winslow

Sunday, January 24

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
7:30 a.m.	+Thomas Russo		
9:00 a.m.	+Mary Rose Winslow		
10:30 a.m.	Judy Pete		
Noon	Ntengwe Bagenda Family		
2:30 p.m.	+Souls in Purgatory		
7:00 p.m.	People of St. James		

<u>Today's Readings</u>

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 "Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord..."

Psalm: Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 "I have waited and waited for the Lord..."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 "Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality..."

Gospel: John 1:35-42 "John was standing with two of his disciples..."

Readings for the Week

Monday:	HEB 5:1-10; PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4; MK 2:18-22
Tuesday: -28	HEB 6:10-20; PS 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; MK 2:23
Wednesday:	HEB 7:1-3, 15-17; PS 110:1, 2, 3, 4; MK 3:1-6
Thursday:	HEB 7:25-8:6; PS 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; MK 3:7-12
Friday:	HEB 8:6-13; PS 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; MK 3:13-19
Saturday:	HEB 9:2-3, 11-14; PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; MK 3:20-21

Remember in Your Prayers...

the sick of our parish family:

- Kim Chapman Chip Clarke C. Tutty Fairbanks Greg Gonsalves Peter Halberstadt Prescott Klein
- Peggy Kurtzke Mark Matheny Janet Owen Carter Parry John Reyes Russell Ross

Robyn Stewart Lauren Vinci

and the deceased of our parish family:

Adrienne Downs	Lynn Klubek
Teresa Gerber	John Edward Murphy
Eileen Kelly	

and those serving our country:

Our disabled veterans, military retirees, and those serving overseas in the military and foreign service, especially:

Justin BergMichele PetersenCaptain Michael ConradRoger Van SanfordVeronica ElkinsMajor Albert C. Young



Receiving Communion at the Communion Rail

As you know, since the beginning of the pandemic we have been distributing Holy Communion at the altar rail. We find this helps us distribute Communion both reverently and safely. As more people return to Mass it also might take some getting used to. Please make note of these instructions.

- There are Crosses six feet apart along the step of the rail.
- When coming forward for Communion, please go to the Cross *farthest* from you in your section (i.e. in the center or on the sides).
- Stand or kneel at that Cross. The minister will bring you Communion.
- If receiving Communion in the hand, please remove your mask first, then receive the Host.
- Consume the Host while at the altar rail and then return to your seat.
- Please remember that members of the same household do not have to practice social distancing and may stand (or kneel) together at the rail.

Once those in the transepts have received, those coming down the main aisle should use the spaces on the sides of the communion rail as well as the front.



Mass for the Protection of the Unborn January 22 at St. James Catholic Church

7:00pm - Friday, January 22, 2021

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn

Very Rev. Paul Scalia, Homilist

To thank God for the gift of life; To atone for the sin of abortion; To pray for an end to abortion.

You can also join us livestream via the parish website: <u>https://www.stjamescatholic.org</u>

Lent Starts in 32 Days

How Are You Going to Prepare For This Season of Reflection, Repentance, and Sacrifice?

Please Welcome IHM Postulant Alexis Reavill and IHM Sister Mary Ann Spaetti to St. James

As part of the formation process to become an IHM Sister, Postulant Alexis Reavill will be living and working with the Sisters of St. James Convent for the next twelve weeks. As a postulant, Alexis is learning more about the charism and spirit of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary by experiencing the lived reality at St. James Convent. Alexis and her directress, Sister Mary Ann Spaetti, IHM, arrived at St. James on January 9. They will return to the Motherhouse in Pennsylvania on March 27. Alexis and Sister Mary Ann are excited to be here, and are grateful for the warm welcome from the St. James Community.





Rectory Ramblings—Airing Mondays and Fridays

If you find yourself wondering what to watch on a Monday or Friday at 8:00pm, don't forget about St. James' own "Rectory Ramblings," our theological talk-show. Twice a week hosts Father Paul D. Scalia and Fr. Steven Oetjen, tackle your questions about our Catholic faith, church history, and much, much more. To learn more about "Rectory Ramblings," visit our page at <u>https://www.stjamescatholic.org/current-events/rectory-ramblings-clone</u>, where you can watch the most current episode of the show. The entire archive of episodes is also available—to date, we have aired 63 episodes of "Rectory Ramblings," going back to its premiere episode in March, 2020. If you have questions for "Rectory Ramblings," submit them to the good fathers at <u>askramblings@gmail.com</u>.



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Don't forget, the Saint James Catholic School Golf Tournament! 1ST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021 More Information and Registration At

<u>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/</u> e/1FAIpQLSfPKpTMMRA4K2SaF2HWg1nqihtXwVDdjKRjor575Hjpsx3Jdw/viewform

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News

St. James Is Going to The March for Life 2021

The St. James Pro-Life Group has once again organized a bus for all Parishioners interested in marching in this year's March for Life on January 29. The bus will depart St. James at 10:30am and bring participants back to St. James at the end of the march. To sign-up for the bus, or to get more information about the day's events, contact Rich Hunter at <u>stjameslife@gmail.com</u> or at 571-423-6482.

The March for Life is the nation's oldest and largest anti-abortion, pro-life rally. Join your fellow parishioners and take a stand for life!



Mornings of Mercy For Divorced Catholics

Inclement Weather and Closings at St. James

With the winter months upon us, and with our first snowfall behind us, don't forget how weather closures are handled at St. James.

Church: Masses will always be held at their scheduled times, but please use your best judgement about driving or walking to the Church.

School: Saint James Catholic School follows the operating policies of the Falls Church City Public Schools. To check on those decisions, visit http://www.fccps.org/

PREP: Our Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) also follows the operating decisions of the Falls Church City Public Schools. To check those decisions, visit <u>http://www.fccps.org/</u>

Falls Church City Public Schools also announce their operating status, during periods of inclement weather, on all major TV and Radio stations throughout the Washington, D.C. area.

Join other members of the Diocese who have gone through divorce in a series of morning retreats. The morning will include Holy Mass, talk, and Benediction. Next retreat is Saturday, February 20, 2021 at St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3460 Centreville Rd., Chantilly. Retreats are led by the Very Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson, Pastor, Good Shepherd Catholic Church. There is no cost to attend, but please register at <u>arlingtondiocese.org/morningsofmercy</u>.

January Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday, January 17			
12:00pm—1:30pm	Hispanic RCIA	Knecht Conference Room (Doors 8 & 9(
12:15pm—1:45pm	Spanish PREP Communion Class	Cafeteria (Door 18)	
12:15pm—1:45pm	Spanish PREP Confirmation Class	Heller Hall (Door 13)	
5:00pm—6:00pm Holy Hour		Church	
Monday, January 18	3—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	v, Rectory Offices and	
School Closed; No N	loon Mass		
No Scheduled Events			
Tuesday, January 19			
12:30pm—6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
6:00pm—7:15pm	PREP Communion Classes	Cafeteria (Door 18)	
6:00pm—7:15pm	PREP Confirmation Classes	Heller Hall (Door 13)	
6:00pm—8:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Wednesday, January	y 20		
7:00pm—8:15pm	High School PREP	Heller Hall (Door 13)	
8:15pm	St. James Men's Group Rosary	Statue of Mary (Park Avenue Side)	
Thursday, January	21		
12:30pm—6:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church	
6:00pm—8:00pm	Confessions	Church	
Friday, January 22			
11:00pm—11:45pm	Confessions	Church	
Saturday, January 2	23		
11:00am—12:15pm	Spanish PREP Communion Classes	Cafeteria (Door 18)	
3:30pm—4:30pm	Confessions	Church	
6:30pm—7:30pm	Confessions	Church	

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The Saint James Class of 2021 is excited to provide you with a unique keepsake of our beautiful school and church. To order these keepsakes, visit: <u>https://sjsptova.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/</u><u>ChristmasCutOuts/OrderYourCutOutHere/tabid/1197287/Default.aspx</u>. Thank you for your support of the Class of 2021.







